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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE LEGAL: DRAFT REGISTRATION CONVENTION

1. FOLLOWING THREE ARTICLES WERE PROVISIONALLY AGREED UPON
BY REGISTRATION WORKING GROUP APRIL 11:

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ARTICLE I

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONVENTION:

(A) THE TERM " LAUNCHING STATE" MEANS:

(1) A STATE WHICH LAUNCHES OR PROCURES THE
LAUNCHING OF A SPACE OBJECT ;

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(II) A STATE FROM WHOSE TERRITORY OR FACILITY A SPACE OBJECT IS LAUNCHED.

(B) THE TERM " SPACE OBJECT" INCLUDES COMPONENT PARTS OF A SPACE OBJECT AS WELL AS ITS LAUNCH VEHICLE AND PARTS THEREOF.

(C) THE TERM " STATE OF REGISTRY" MEANS A LAUNCHING STATE ON WHOSE REGISTRY A SPACE OBJECT IS CARRIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II.

ARTILCE II

1. WHEN A SPACE OBJECT IS LAUNCHED INTO EARTH ORBIT OR BEYOND, THE LAUNCHING STATE SHALL REGISTER THE SPACE OBJECT BY MEANS OF AN ENTRY IN AN APPROPRIATE REGISTRY WHICH IT SHALL MAINTAIN. EACH LAUNCHING STATE SHALL INFORM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A REGISTRY.

2. WHERE THERE ARE TWO OR MORE LAUNCHING STATES IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH SPACE OBJECT, THEY SHALL JOINTLY DETERMINE WHICH ONE OF THEM SHALL REGISTER THE OBJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS ARTICLE, BEARING IN MIND THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE TREATY ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED OR TO BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE LAUNCHING STATES ON JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OVER THE SPACE OBJECT. AND OVER ANY PERSONNEL THEREOF.

3. THE CONTENTS OF AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH EACH REGISTRY IS MAINTAINED SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF REGISTRY CONCERNED.

ARTICLE III

1. EACH STATE OF REGISTRY SHALL FURNISH TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH SPACE OBJECT LAUNCHED INTO EARTH ORBIT OR BEYOND:

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(A) NAME OF LAUNCHING STATE OR STATES;

- (B) AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL DESIGNATOR OR REGISTRATION NUMBER;
- (C) DATE AND TERRITORY OR FACILITY OF LAUNCH;
- (D) BASIC ORBITAL PARAMETERS, INCLUDING:
 - (I) NODAL PERIOD,
 - (II) INCLINATION,
 - (III) APOGEE, AND
 - (IV) PERIGEE;
- (E) GENERAL FUNCTION OF THE SPACE OBJECT.

2. A STATE OF REGISTRY MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, PROVIDE THE SECRETARY GENERAL WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN RELATIONS TO A SPACE OBJECT IT HAS LAUNCHED INTO EARTH ORBIT OR BEYOND.

3. EACH STATE OF REGISTRY SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY GENERAL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE AND AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, OF SPACE OBJECTS CONCERNING WHICH IT HAS PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED INFORMATION AND WHICH HAVE BEEN BUT NO LONGER ARE IN EARTH ORBIT. END QTE.
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